



City of East St. Louis Community ---- September 6-8, 2017



Objective

Share

- Who we met with and What we heard
- What we've done since
- Updates
- Other EPA efforts

Determine next steps...

Who We Met & What We Heard



NAACP

- Historical Sauget-Monsanto (Solutia) Issue
 - Issue 5 years ago, Southend area of ESTL
 - Class action lawsuit
 - Citizens receiving settlement payouts
- Pump station at 63rd / State Street undersized
 - Combined sanitary/storm sewer
 - 47th street combined waste goes into Frank Holten State Park Lake where community fishes
 - No warnings/notifications to the community when this occurs
- Flooding in homes after heavy rains
- Want to test lead in water
- Interest in permit process and community involvement (public comment period)



New Life Community Church

1919 State St.

Pastor Kendall Granger





New Life Community Church

Wants/Needs

- Strategic Plan for environmental issues
 - Bring all partners together to meet and discuss all issues, available resources, etc. to develop a Strategic Plan
- Improve air quality
- Sites that can be redeveloped
 - Brownfields
 - Funding assistance
- Education for the community
 - What issues can be dealt with and how
 - History of facilities in the area and actions taken, if any
- Urban gardening
 - Test for lead in soil
 - Test for asbestos in soil

Wants/Needs Continued

- Solar power City Hall
 - Make city more efficient
 - Solid relationship and works with Ameren
- Choice Neighborhood housing grant
- Port for East St. Louis
- Farmers Market
- Vacant homes/Rehab
 - Going after owners (land and property) through more stringent ordinances

Issues

- Illegal dumping
- St. Clair County and ESTL partnership (HUD grant)



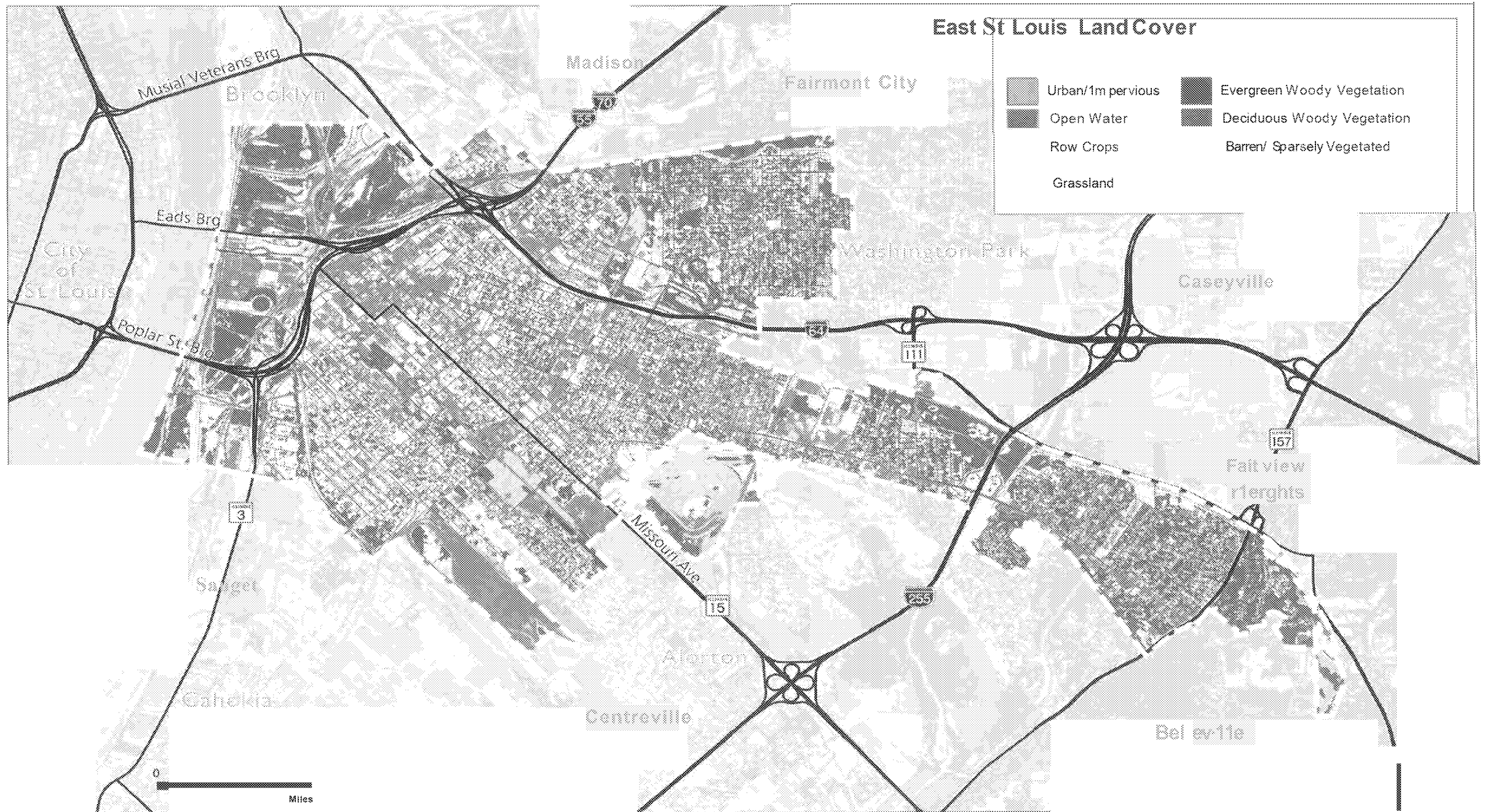
East-West Gateway Council of Gov'ts.

“We’re in the shadow of St. Louis, but too far from Chicago.” – Roz Rodgers, Manager, Community Engagement and Local Gov’t Services

Opportunities:

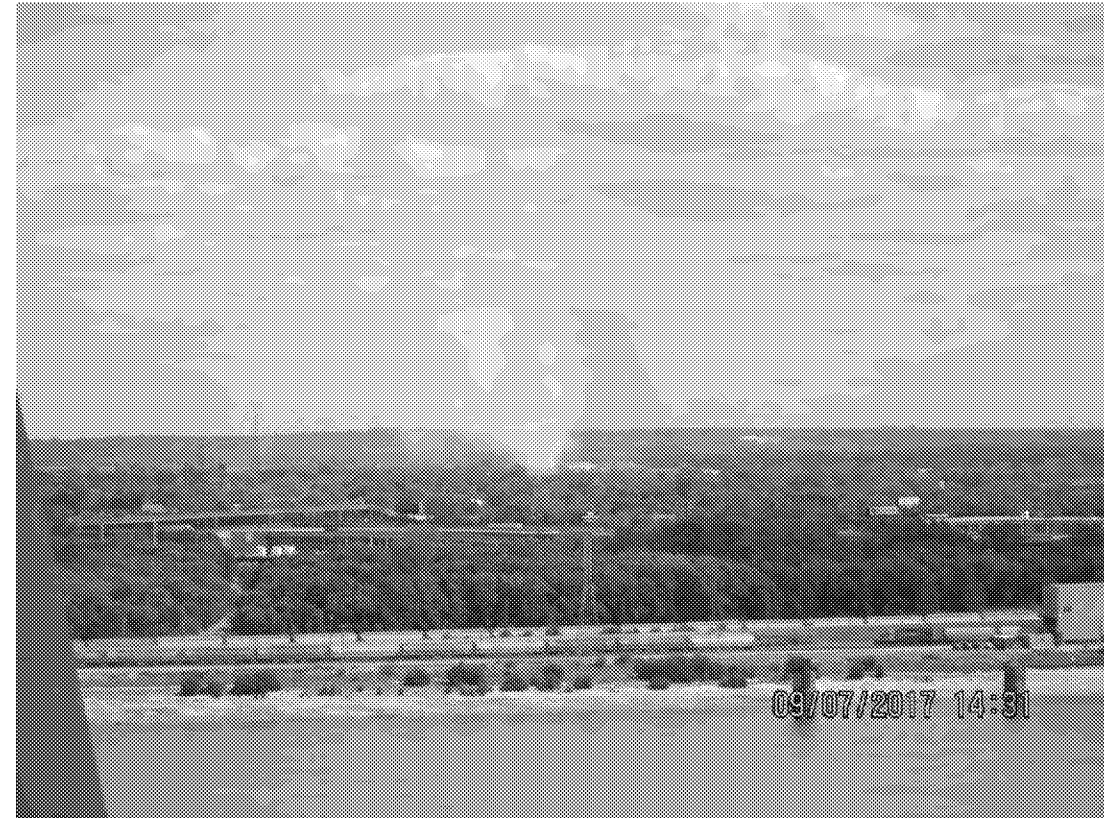
- Community Planning
- Transportation Planning
 - Can manage/oversee grants
- Can provide research/data analysis
- GIS support







Air Enforcement Opportunity?





Department of Public Works

- Responsibilities
 - Oversees street conditions, sewers, stop signs, tree trimming, grass cutting, vacant lots, street lights, etc.
 - Crew of only 8 staff members; limited resources
- Lighting
 - Interest in LEDs / Ameren Rebates
 - City is dark in many areas; no lights (street and traffic); security issue
- Tires
 - Open dumping
 - Tires come from outside ESTL
- Vacant lots
 - Vegetation constantly growing; lots need to be cleared and maintained (400 – 500 homes demolished in the last 5 years)





East Side Health District

- Covers 4 townships
 - East St. Louis, Centreville, Canteen & Stites
 - 60,000 population
- IPLAN (5 yrs) identified environmental issues as a concern for residents
 - Sewage
 - Street conditions
 - Soil contamination
- Issues
 - High rate of lead contamination in soil
 - High rate of lead poisoning in homes
 - Lots of mold in homes due to flooding



Since We Met



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- Synthesized what we heard
- Shared what we learned with our other U.S. EPA program offices
 - Brownfields
 - Superfund
 - Land & Chemicals
 - Environmental Justice
- Checked-in with HUD



Gotten Back to You on...

- Brownfields
 - FY18 Brownfields Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants and Cleanup Grants available
 - Opened 9/21/2017
 - **Proposal submission deadline is 11/16/2017**
 - Annual National Guideline Outreach Webinar info
 - Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 12:30 pm Central
 - <http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/app18/> and/or via conference call (dial in number: 1-866-299-3188/ access code: 202-566-1817).
 - Kansas State University provides FREE review of your draft EPA Assessment and Cleanup Proposals
 - Give them a one-week heads-up that you will be sending a draft to review
 - Contact Blase Leven (baleven@ksu.edu, 785-532-0780) to reserve your spot



Gotten Back to You on...

- Funding Assistance
 - Illinois Housing Development Authority Grants
 - Funds may be used for securing, maintaining, demolishing, or rehabbing abandoned homes
 - Next round of funding available this fall (maybe now?)
 - <https://www.ihda.org/my-community/revitalization-programs/>
 - email APPinfo@ihda.org
- Illegal dumping at 57th / Belmont
 - 9/19/2017 – Illinois EPA referred to St. Clair County Health Dept., St. Clair County Health Dept. Inspected and then contacted East St. Louis Street Dept. for cleanup.



Gotten Back to You on...

- Asbestos NESHAP Loop Hole
 - 9/20 – Illinois EPA shared City of Chicago Ordinance, which can address NESHAP loop hole
- Farmers Market
 - 9/20 – Illinois EPA shared how to organize and run a farmers market

Updates



Gardening

- Urban Gardening
 - EPA has best practices we can share
 - Can you partner with a high-end restaurant in St. Louis?
- Farmers Market
 - Old Buick Dealership on State Street Bond Avenue demolished set up for a farmers market
 - Market never opened
 - Site has a “No Further Remediation” letter



Gardening

- East Side Health District sponsors a Farmers Market on 20th Steet





Inspections Conducted

Completed Inspections

1. Center Ethanol Company, 231 Monsanto Ave, Sauget
2. Joint American Bottoms & Sauget Treatment Facility #1, American Bottoms Road, Sauget
3. Solutia (Flexsys) - WG Krummich Plant, 500 Monsanto Ave, Sauget
4. GBC Metals LLC (dba Olin Brass), 305 Lewis & Clark Blvd, East Alton

Monitoring w/advanced air quality equipment

1. October



Energy

- Solar Power City Hall
 - Special incentives for public sector ends this year
 - 2018 – only one program
 - applies to public and commercial
 - Incentives equal to commercial program



Combined Sewer Overflows

- 47th Street Waste into Frank Holten State Park Lake
 - Looking into some type of notification to community (signs, warning broadcast, etc.)

Other



Other Actions

- Old American Zinc Co., Fairmont, Illinois
- Soil sampling in yards
- EPA website:
<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0507352>
- EPA fact sheet about sampling:
<https://semspub.epa.gov/work/05/934292.pdf>



Upcoming Conference

- Midwest Regional Lead & Healthy Housing Conference
 - October 3 & 4, 2017
 - Embassy Suites, St. Louis - Downtown
- Lead and Environmental Hazards Association and the National Lead and Healthy Homes Grantees Association have partial registration scholarships available to attend the conference
- For additional information:
<http://www.healthyhousingconferences.com/website/2017-midwest-regional-conference>

Next Steps



Still Need to Connect With...

- Community Development Sustainable Solutions
- Missouri Coalition for the Environment
- Metro East Parks Recreation Ministries
- East Side Aligned
- Leslie Bates organization
- Gary Hunter of Tank Trailer Cleaning, Goose Hill neighborhood
- Tom Miller, Illinois EPA– Brownsfield
- St. Clair County - "Operation Clean Sweep"
- Touchette Regional Hospital

Questions